



**STANDING ROCK SIOUX TRIBE
CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

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RE: CCDF / CRRSA Funds Report

On behalf of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe Child Care Assistance Program, we are submitting the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations report.

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Respectfully,

/s/

Mike Faith, Chairman
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CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE AND RELIEF SUPPLEMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Direct Child Care Services

Child Care Development Block Grant funds (CCDF) are used to continue making payment to child care providers for parent(s) that are essential and non-essential workers, or whether the parent's working status is to work onsite, or working from home.

Payments are critical to ensure our day care centers may remain open or have the financial stability to reopen. One of our Tribal Day Care Center have been closed temporarily. The employees were deemed non-essential. Family Child Care Home providers have been paid monthly. These monthly payments are many of these providers only sole source of income.

All Tribal Head Start centers have been closed temporarily, due to the pandemic.

During this critical pandemic; a new day care center has been started, and coming to aid /assist the essential working families.

Family co-pay have been waived during the pandemic to help defray any unforeseen expenses. Parents continue to apply for the program, meeting the 85% State Median Income (SMI) and below income.

Implementation of Virus Mitigation Policies and Procedures

Guidelines from the Center of Disease Control (CDC) COVID 19 - Tribal Policy have been developed, identifying each vital component in best practices that are continuously changing in meeting the Coronavirus. *(These components are detail with original policy)*

Prevention and Response Measures – identifying the CDC guidance in the workplace

Prevention – continuous sanitizing of each individual work stations, in high volume traffic areas, and no sharing of equipment allowed

Policies – include social distancing of six feet apart, continuous hand washing, or using hand sanitizer, plus changing the sick leave policy

Equipment – Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) have been provided and distributed throughout

Work – essential employees were determined, required to come into work place and non-essential employee work from home

High risk employees – identifying high-risk employees

Identify and Assess Potential or Confirmed Cases

Employees required to immediately report COVID 19 symptoms, or a sick family

Employees required to stay home having symptoms

Employees having symptoms, fellow employees required to quarantine

Employees required are not allowed to return to work until: no fever for 72 hours;
respiratory symptoms have improved, 7 days have passed since employee first symptoms,

Mitigate Risk of Exposure and Infection

Immediate isolation of exposed employee from other(s)

Immediate excused from workplace – workplace shutdown, building sanitized

The providers were provided supplies to support health and safety practices

Each day care center developed COVID 19 policy, identifying CDC guidelines, and implementing health and safety standards.

Grants or Assistance to Stabilize Child Care Providers

A Quality Improvement Mini Grant policy has been developed. The mini grant is an application process and is available for day care centers, and Family Child Care Home providers. A Mini Grant Policy has been developed. The application process is approved by the oversight committee – Health, Education and Welfare Committee.

The Quality Improvement Mini Grant allows for improving the day care settings, and Family Homes for best practices during and after this COVID 19 Pandemic.

Assistance to Providers Not Participating in the Subsidy System Prior to the Pandemic

No funds have not been determined / obligated or finalized or plan to spend any allocations to assist providers not participating in the sub subsidy system prior to the pandemic

Our Child Care Assistance Office remains open during the Pandemic to continue to serve the families and children.